

Senate Resolution 1249

By: Senator James of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March 18, 2010, as Africa Diaspora Day at the state capitol; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the continent of Africa is made up of 53 distinct countries with roots that spread
4 throughout the islands of the Caribbean; and

5 WHEREAS, there are many Georgia residents who were born in Africa or the Caribbean or
6 who have families from Africa or the Caribbean; and

7 WHEREAS, the African and Caribbean communities of Georgia have contributed positively
8 to the economic, social, and political well-being of this state; and

9 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and the members of the General Assembly appreciate the
10 presence, productivity, and many contributions of Georgia's residents of African and
11 Caribbean birth and lineage; and

12 WHEREAS, the people of African and Caribbean descent have a rich cultural heritage and
13 have greatly contributed to the economic, cultural, and social well-being of this state; and

14 WHEREAS, many of Georgia's African and Caribbean based organizations have made a
15 positive impact on the lives of Georgia's residents by organizing international health fairs,
16 legal forums, earthquake relief efforts, youth soccer events, scholarships, and individual and
17 global business mentoring programs; and

18 WHEREAS, members of the Georgia Consular Corps representing the African and
19 Caribbean nations of the Bahamas, Barbados, Botswana, Jamaica, Liberia, Mali, the
20 Republic of Nigeria, São Tomé and Príncipe, and Tanzania continue to encourage global
21 trading success and positive community involvement by participating in Africa Diaspora Day
22 at the Georgia State Capitol.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
24 recognize March 18, 2010, as Africa Diaspora Day at the state capitol in honor of the many
25 cultural, political, economic, and social ties between Georgia and the nations and people of
26 Africa and the Caribbean.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of Senate is authorized and directed to
28 transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the consular representatives of the Bahamas,
29 Barbados, Botswana, Jamaica, Liberia, Mali, the Republic of Nigeria, São Tomé and
30 Príncipe, and Tanzania.